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### Individual income tax guide available

Internal Revenue Service Publication 17, "Your Federal Income Tax," is available for reference and download on the IRS home page at [www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p17.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p17.pdf)

This guide provides comprehensive treatment of the general rules applicable to the filing of federal individual income tax returns.

The publication closely follows the Form 1040, detailing the issues and considerations raised by each section of the form. For more tax information, see page 7.

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Tech. Sgt. Dan Neely

## Warrior spirit

Members of the 325th Security Forces Squadron run in formation together during the 325th Mission Support Group workout Wednesday. The workout was held to bolster warrior spirit and to get the group ready for the Air Force fitness test.

## Hornburg talks leadership, values with Tyndall

**TECH. SGT. DAN NEELY**  
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

The commander of Air Combat Command paid a special visit to Tyndall Air Force Base Jan. 23, sharing with a mass audience his insights into airmanship, leadership and diversity.

Inside a packed Hangar 1, Gen. Hal Hornburg, who also serves as air component commander for U.S. Joint Forces Command and U.S. Northern Command, opened his remarks by defining the meaning and value of today's Air Force airman.

"There is no air woman or air man," he said. "You can wear the cloth of the military or you can be a civilian, but if

you support the United States Air Force, you're an *airman*."

General Hornburg, who commanded Air Education and Training Command from June 2000 to November 2001, underscored the professional value of today's airman in America's defense.

"If you believe like I do, that in the hands of people who understand it, employ it or deal with it, airpower is a wonderful thing. In the hands of amateurs, it's very, very dangerous – leave it to the pros. If you're an airman, you are a pro."

The general, responsible for an inventory of more than 1,200 operational aircraft – from the half-century-old B-52

Stratofortress to the F/A-22 Raptor – said none of those air combat assets would fly without the airmen who operate and support them.

"You can make razor blades out of them, unless you have airmen that can bring them to life and sustain them," he said. "It's not the technology that fuels our Air Force, it's the airmen who fuel our Air Force."

On the topic of leadership, General Hornburg discussed the common characteristics of two primary styles.

"There are leaders who grow followers and there are leaders who grow leaders," he said. "Leaders who grow followers want to be needed, but leaders who grow leaders

want to be succeeded. Leaders who grow followers want to hoard their power, but leaders who grow leaders want to give their power away.

"Leaders who grow leaders have learned to lead by principle," the general said. "They learn to divest their power. They know the power of decentralization, and they also know the power of providing feedback. They know the power of a smile, they know the power of a sincere hello, and they also know the power of love. These are analog leaders, not digital leaders.

"In ACC," he continued, "we don't have digital leadership. We don't have people in a

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*Training the best air dominance team for America*



# Focus, pride: hallmarks of warrior spirit

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**  
325th Fighter Wing commander



I want to begin this week by congratulating Team Tyndall's colonel selects: Lt. Cols. Madeline Lopez, 325th Maintenance Group deputy commander, Matthew Donovan, former 95th Fighter Squadron commander, and Paul Cardon, former 325th Aeromedical Dental Squadron commander. Although two of our promotees have PCS'd, we still congratulate their accomplishments as Checkertail Clan warriors. Achieving the rank of colo-

nel is something you can definitely be proud of, and I wish you all the best in this new chapter of your career as you take on new challenges and higher levels of responsibility. Speaking of pride, I want to echo some of what General Hal Hornburg, Air Combat Command commander, said during his visit last week. It is incumbent upon each individual in the Air Force to ensure we are leading, coaching and mentoring and growing future leaders to carry on where we leave off. It is our responsibility to develop leaders in our Air Force and to work on retaining the best and brightest. The Air Force is a pro-



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fessional organization we should all be proud of and it is critical that we take the time to make a positive and lasting impact on others. As such, we owe it to ourselves and those around us to live our core values and exemplify the warrior spirit. Another way we can display our pride and warrior spirit is by exceeding personal expectations for the new Air Force fitness test.

I've had many questions asked about the new test and how the wing plans to implement it. We received the Air Force instruction two weeks ago and we are in the process of working out the details. At this point, some folks have already taken the test, and others are preparing to establish baselines for future testing.

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## Action Line

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*Larry D. New*

**BRIG. GEN. LARRY NEW**  
325th Fighter Wing commander

# Airman learns about need for guidance, mentorship for students

**AIRMAN 1ST CLASS SARAH MCDOWELL**  
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As I sat in a local high school gymnasium auditorium, watching a mix of colorful teenagers saunter in with their giddy voices bouncing off the walls, I realized that I was in their shoes not long ago. In high school, I didn't receive the guidance I felt I needed, and it wasn't until I entered Air Force basic training that someone mentored me – my military training instructor. I sat in the auditorium seats, wondering how my experiences might help the world. I have always wanted to volunteer, but until a couple of

months ago, I had no idea what I wanted to volunteer for. The only prerequisite for my new craving for volunteerism was that I wanted it to change the world. This, to me, was seemingly far-fetched as I researched and researched and found nothing that would touch the whole world at once. Shortly after I decided to stop researching and just start volunteering for shorter-term projects, I received an e-mail requesting military mentors for local high school students. I promptly signed up. I soon realized this was the program that I wanted to be a part of, because it can effectively

change the world – one person at a time. Mentoring a student can mean the difference between a bright future and a life with no guidance or direction. In fact, according to a 2002 study, conducted by Child Trends, using ten of the most popular mentoring programs, with at least 25 youth in each program and in each control group, has shown that: children in mentor programs skip school half the number of days as those without mentors. Additionally, there is a 4 percent increase from among the mentored youth that went on to college. Mentored youths are also 46 percent less likely to try drugs;

and mentored minority youth are 70 percent less likely to try drugs. Also, misdemeanor and felony offenses perpetrated by youths fell from 4 percent of the mentored group to 1 percent. The study also has shown that youth with a prior offense history were 38 percent less likely to re-offend when in a mentor program as opposed to 64 percent of the control group. After reading this study and using my own experience, I share the view that the youth of today do want help and direction from adults, and the lack thereof is one of the biggest problems leading to a misguided youth.

According to their teachers, the students can't wait to see us each week. And, according to my female mentorees, from the list of possible things we could do each week, above shopping, is talking about and planning for their futures. I know that what I am doing for the children means just as much to me as it does to them. So, just as a military training instructor watches a bunch of untrained and undisciplined trainees file off a bus into their supervision, with the intention of getting them ready for successful military careers, I, along with others, watched at-risk teenagers file into a gymnasium with hopes of getting them ready for their successful lives.

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Just as we have to ease into a fitness routine, we will have to begin slowly with this new program, but I'm asking that everyone be patient while we do this. The important thing to remember is that everyone will test. To that end, make sure you are keeping up on your personal/unit exercise routines and setting new fitness goals as you progress.

Additionally, I've been asked by some of our civilian personnel, what the status is for civilian physical training. Looking at PT from a total force perspective, we want to ensure all of our active duty, guard, reserve and civilian Team Tyndall

members are able to meet the increasing challenges of being our nation's warfighters. Fit members are productive members, so while we are still working through some issues with respect to civilian participation, I encourage this valued part of our team to make fitness and health a part of their lives.

Another topic that appears to have become increasingly important to folks is the Base Realignment and Closure. There are a lot of rumors, assumptions and misinformation out there about what it is and what the future may have in store. The 2005 BRAC process will help find innovative

ways to consolidate, realign, or find alternative uses for current facilities to ensure that the U.S. continues to field the best-prepared and best-equipped military in the world. All military installations within the continental United States and its territories will be considered in the process. However, I want to remind you that officials are in the information gathering phase of the process and it is a somewhat lengthy process. Addition-

ally, as Air Force members, we need to ensure we remain neutral and do not add to the rumor mill by speculating. Our priorities are our mission and people, and the important thing is to keep doing the best job you can. Tyndall has an extremely critical mission and one we do well.

Finally, talking about our mission, we are always looking for ways to improve upon what we are already doing well. One of the ways

we can achieve this goal is to measure our performance through readiness exercises. Next week will be extremely busy as we test our readiness to respond to various scenarios with our first exercise in 2004.

Since we last practiced our force protection and readiness measures, we've significantly changed our traffic flow on base. I encourage everyone to consider this

when responding to exercise situations, allow ample time to travel to work, and be patient knowing traffic may be challenging at times. We were very successful in 2003 testing, improving and proving our capabilities. I know we'll be equally if not more successful in 2004.

Thank you for everything you do to make Tyndall a great place to be and serve. Have a great weekend and I'll see all of you next week.

Checkertail Salute

Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Durrence



Lisa Carroll

Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Durrence is awarded the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award by Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Durrence for his many accomplishments. He identified 10 Air Education and Training Command facility upgrade projects and prepared the package in record time. As section chief, he led the Jet Engine Intermediate Maintenance to "Wing Best" at 98 percent.

**Duty title:** Jet Engine Intermediate Maintenance and F-100 production supervisor

**Unit:** 325th Maintenance Group

**Time on Tyndall:** 18 months

**Time in service:** 16 years

**Hometown:** Plant City, Fla.

**Hobbies:** Spending time with family, camping, outdoor activities

**Favorite book:** The Bible

**Favorite movie:** Braveheart

**Proudest moment in the military:** When I was selected as a cadre team member for C17s coming on line.

The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall's Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.



# Camera phones pose risk to security

## Latest fad in technology could be trouble in classified areas

**MASTER SGT. DARRELL LEWIS**

Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center public affairs

**TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, Okla. (AFPN) –**

Carrying the latest “have-to-have” electronic gadget may mean big trouble for the person who brings it into unauthorized locations.

Officials from the National Security Agency said in an advisory that new cellular phones with integral digital cameras pose an unacceptable security risk to homeland security.

This type of phone is not authorized for use or possession within any Air Force facility processing classified information without written authorization from the designated approval authority.

“Communications are getting faster and easier,” said Jane Guidicini, Air Force Communications Agency certified emission security technical authority.

“While that does help speed communications, it can also unfortunately allow classified information to get out of a classified area inadvertently or otherwise.

“We realize occasionally the restrictions might seem overly strict when the new technologies come out, but it’s better to be overly cautious than to have an incident,” Ms. Guidicini said.

“It takes just a little common sense to realize that if

you have a cell phone with a camera, you should leave it home if you work in a classified area,” said Tech. Sgt. Shon Kloepping, 72nd Security Forces Squadron noncommissioned officer in charge of physical security.

If someone in a restricted area has one of the phones with a camera capability and a security forces troop discovers it, he or she would be forced to confiscate the camera for review of unlawful images, Sergeant Kloepping said.

### Information on cell phones with camera capabilities:

- *They are not authorized for use or possession within any Air Force facility processing classified information.*
- *Written authorization from the designated approval authority must be obtained to allow use or possession in these areas.*
- *Security forces will confiscate a camera cell phone if it is found in a classified area, for a review of unlawful images.*
- *Civilian and military members can face federal charges if in possession and military members can face Uniform Code of Military Justice actions.*
- *Leave camera cell phones at home if you work, or will be going to, a classified area.*



Additionally, civilian employees could face federal charges and military members could face federal charges and Uniform Code of Military Justice actions, he said.

But it is not just a good idea to limit their use in “secure rooms” where classified information is being processed, said Peter Bryant, Air Force Materiel Command security forces directorate information security chief.

“You should watch how you use and carry those anywhere you’re dealing with sensitive or proprietary information,” he said.

If people see someone using any unauthorized camera without coordinating with base agen-

cies, contact the base security forces squadron, Mr. Bryant said.

“It all comes down to being aware,” Sergeant Kloepping said. (Courtesy of AFMC News Service.)

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three-point stance in their office, with their mouse in their hand ready to kick the you-know-what out of their next e-mail. I want people who leave that e-mail alone and get outside to be with people.”

Discussing diversity within the Air Force, General Hornburg summarized his beliefs on the subject.

“Diversity is about everybody’s different, but everybody gets a fair share. There’s a level playing field,” he said.

“Do I believe in equal opportunity? You bet I do. But I don’t believe in equal outcome, because after you give everybody an equal opportunity the theory that cork floats tends to take over; cork rises to the top. Every population tends to re-stratify, so there’s no equal outcome, but there is equal opportunity. I hope you stand for that as much as I do,” the general said.

General Hornburg remarked that mentorship and diversity go hand in hand in today’s Air Force.

“To mentor, you’ve got to be a role model,” he said.

General Hornburg then added, people need to look to how an individual achieved a goal and the quality of the individual.

“Every male airman needs a female role model, every female airman needs a male role model,” he said. “Why? Because we have to be there for each other ... as airmen. We’ve got to mentor, coach and lead people,” the general said.

“I think the value of the human being and the sanctity of the human spirit can take us to places we’ve never been before, but we’ve got to go there together.”

Wrapping up his remarks, General Hornburg said, “My advice to you is to enjoy what you do, and feel pride in what you do, because America feels great pride in everything you do.”



**Think  
before  
you  
drink.**

## 325th AMXS garners 2003 AETC award

CHRISTINE SULLIVAN

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Members of the 325th Fighter Wing Aircraft Maintenance Squadron continue to strive for excellence in all they do.

Members of the squadron learned recently that they won the 2003 Air Education and Training Command Maintenance Effectiveness Award.

"We have incredible people on our team," said Lt. Col. Marc Sarchet, 325th AMXS commander. "We like to win, so we've set the bar high."

In addition to keeping 81 jets in the air, the squadron also produces qualified F-15 Eagle and F/A-22 Raptor maintainers and crew chiefs at Tyndall Air Force Base for worldwide assignment. The squadron manages scheduled maintenance actions and sortie production operations to support a \$30 million program composed of 18,000 hours and nearly

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## EEO manager wins top AF honors

SENIOR MASTER SGT.

ROB FULLER

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

What could be better than beginning a new year with news you're number one in the Air Force for your chosen profession? It's reality for one member of the Checkertail Clan and he has "no complaints."

Thomas Chatman, 325th Fighter Wing civilian equal opportunity manager, was selected as the Air Force's top performer, Complaint System category, for outstanding support and contributions to the objectives of the Air Force civilian Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Employment programs.

"When I was selected to facilitate the wing's EEO program, the staff and I wanted to set the tone for our existence," said Mr. Chatman. "Our objectives were to provide oversight, direction, and expertise on the EEO process, while still being innovative."

Innovation was the hallmark to Mr. Chatman's work ethic during 2003. A graduate of the Software Engineering Insti-

tute, and drawing on a background in communications, he recognized the need to automate data distribution and developed a software application dubbed "CyberDisc."

Mr. Chatman's program offers a user-friendly approach to marketing both the EEO and Military Equal Opportunity programs. It provides immediate access to programs, contacts, commander and federal policy. Following a demonstration of the program at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. Headquarters Air Education and Training Command elected to designate his application as the standard.

"Thomas has been the cornerstone to effectively managing the civilian Equal Employment Opportunity complaint system," said Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander. "His contributions to the program this past year have ensured we continue to promote mutual respect and understanding, which enhances mission effectiveness."

Following his philosophy that most complaints should be resolved within



Courtesy photo

**Thomas Chatman, 325th Fighter Wing civilian equal employment opportunity manager.**

an organization, his efforts have reduced formal complaints over the past six years by more than 61 percent. According to wing leadership, this was a direct result of Mr. Chatman's aggressive marketing for the Alternative Dispute Resolution program.

"I am honored by this award," Mr. Chatman said, "and I challenge everyone as they travel through life, to avoid as-

suming discrimination and remain open minded, to see each situation encountered for what it really is. Decisions can be the landmark of an individual's career."

"Many thanks to senior leadership for their confidence and support," said Mr. Chatman, "and a special thanks to Ms. Carolyn "Faye" Owens, EEO counselor, who helps make the EEO two-person team great!"



Artifacts found at base demo site:

History of Tyndall land being discovered through unearthed layers

JIM WESLOWSKI  
325th Fighter Wing public affairs

For nearly 40 years, countless military families moved in and out of quarters located on Tyndall’s Lincoln Drive. Life in the Shoal Point area was tranquil. Residents could watch the daily tide change, sea birds flew overhead and the local marine life flourished. The beauty of the moss-covered oaks in the wooded areas nearby made this area a choice location to build military housing in the 1950s. Most likely this choice location was why Native Americans also called this site home hundreds of years ago.

Who would have guessed Native Americans lived in this very spot and might have even been buried below these very foundations? Tyndall’s history began when the war department needed to build a base. Then the bulldozers arrived. There was no National Historical Preservation Act then to help locate and protect Native American historical or burial sites. But, times have changed.

“Through our research and testimonials from longtime residents of the area we were quite sure Shoal Point had Native American cultural resources buried below the surface,” said Dr. Bridget Keegan, 325th

Civil Engineer Squadron Environment Flight environmental engineer. “Most of the base’s coastal shoreline has been home at one time or another to Native Americans who lived in the area.

“We now have the National Historic Preservation Act of 1965 to help preserve potentially eligible sites located on the base,” Dr. Keegan explained. “When the base was being built in the 1940s and expanded in the ‘50s, land was cleared and used to support the military’s needs. No historical research of potential historical sites was done. So, we now are going back to available records and using the knowledge of archeologists to locate and preserve early Native American sites as they are discovered.”

**“Most of the base’s coastal shoreline has been home at one time or another to Native Americans who lived in the area.”**

**DR. BRIDGET KEEGAN**  
325th Civil Engineer Squadron

The National Historic Preservation Act now makes it a felony for persons to excavate, remove or otherwise deface any archeological resource or paleontological remain located on federal lands.

The base has five known burial sites and more than

17 areas identified as camps where Native Americans have fished, hunted and lived. Seventeen nationally recognized tribes from the local area might trace some of their heritage to items in Tyndall’s soil.

When a local contractor demolished the home at 2403 Lincoln Dr. in early January 2004, Huey Moore, 325th CES construction representative, noticed a piece of pottery in the surface dirt.

“The contractor was finished with the demolition and was leveling the site,” said Mr. Moore. “As soon as I saw the pottery fragments I asked him to delay the work. I knew there were several sites on the base with possible Native American remains in the area and I thought this might be another.

“We have an Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan that provides guidance for this very situation. So I contacted Senior Airman Edith Alvarado, (325th CES quality assurance inspector) to start notifying others with responsibilities in



Jim Weslowski

**Dr. James Russo, National Park Service, Souteast Archeologic Center, Tallahassee, displays fish teeth, pottery fragments and sea shells unearthed at the Shoal Point site.**

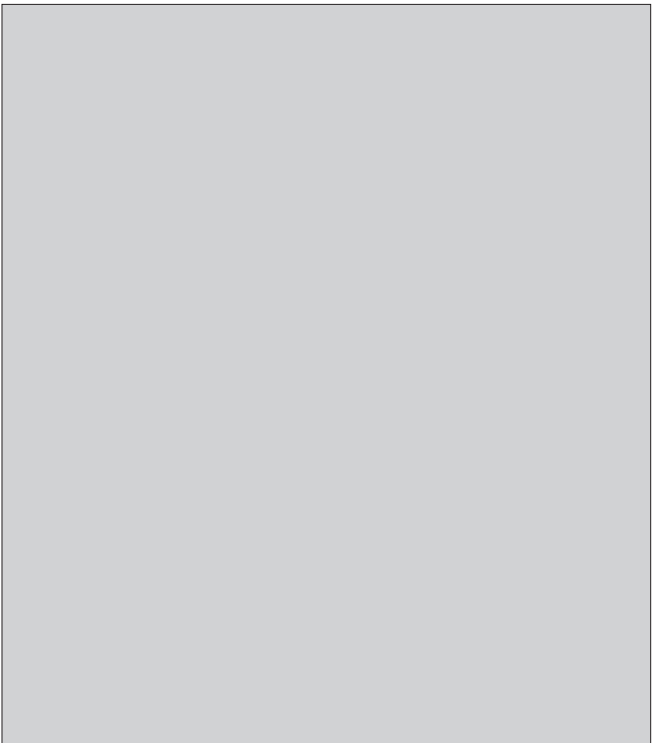
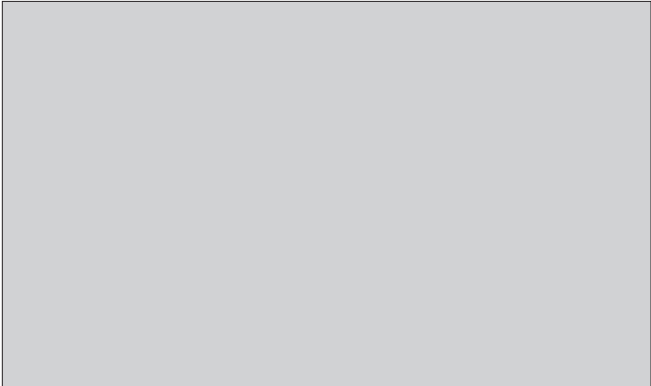
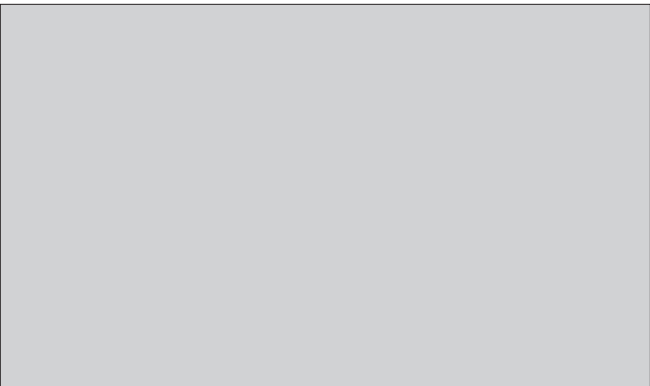
the CE unit for assistance, including Maj. Tay Johannes and Dan Guerry of the CES operations section. Senior Airman Margarita Cuevas, a contracting agent at the 325th Contracting Squadron, was asked to intervene with the demolition contractor to stop work at the site. We had to stop the work until we could determine what is located at the site. The ICRMP worked! We isolated the area, and within two days National Park Service archeologists were on site helping to determine what was unearthed. And more impor-

tant, what might still remain below the surface.”

According to notes made by Clarence Bloomfield Moore from 1901-1903, when he visited the area and now recorded in a book titled The Northwest Florida Expedition of Clarence Bloomfield Moore, (University of Ala-

bama Press), it is possible the same location was used as a living area and burial site. The book also has photographs of pottery fragments with different designs found in the Shoal Point area. Some of the pieces of pottery found at the construction site dis-

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Jim Weslowski

Emily Yates, National Park Service, South East Archeological center, Tallahassee, digs a small hole several inches deep to document the contents and layers to help determine what the site was used for.

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play the same design.

“We have identified an archeological site nearby which has a major component known as Weeden Island (period around 500 AD) and we’re planning to schedule a survey of this entire area in the spring to determine its boundaries and features,”

said Dr. Keegan. “However, with fragments now scattered on the surface, it required us to take countermeasures at this time to assure this area is protected.”

Weeden Island people often built horseshoe-shaped villages along the edges of coastal marsh lands. In the villages, they

adopted corn as a dietary staple, and at some camps they collected large amounts of shellfish. Leaders arose with special status above that given to the general populace. Mounds of earth were built to symbolize this status. Leaders resided on top of these mounds, leaders resided and upon their death were buried within the mounds.

Knowing the responsibilities to the Native American tribes the base has in protecting burial sites, the CES National Resource Flight chief requested assistance from experts to help determine what was unearthed. Dr. Michael Russo and Emily Yates, archeologists for the National Park Service, Southeast Archeological Center, arrived from Tallahassee Jan. 14. Along with Dr. Keegan they will try to help determine what type of site this is and if the site was disturbed by prior construction. They gathered some ground level samples and pottery fragments and dug two holes to view the soil layers to help determine what is below the surface of

this once military family home.

“Since pottery decorating and manufacturing techniques change through time, pottery is an excellent time marker in archeology,” said Dr. Keegan. “While it is clear that the decorations had symbolic meanings, study continues as to the pottery traditions and their changes.

“It is clear the top layer of this raised site has been disturbed by construction,” said Dr. Keegan. “Several pieces of broken pottery are mixed in the top layer of dirt. Taking an early look at the soil samples Dr. Russo has unearthed, it appears the under earth layers are undisturbed. Now we must have a site survey to determine the size of the find and try to determine just what the site was used for and follow our procedures to protect the area.”

Anyone who knows about or discovers Native American villages, artifacts or burial sites located on Tyndall AFB should contact Dr. Keegan at 283-4346.



# Tax help for all airmen

VITA team offers free assistance, guidance

TECH. SGT. ALPHONSO OVERTON

Base legal office

Tyndall Air Force Base has a volunteer team of trained tax assistants, ready to help customers prepare and file their tax returns.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance team is ready and willing to provide valuable services – free of charge. The staff of IRS-trained representatives will render tax services starting Monday. The staff, operating from the Marsh Room of the Tyndall AFB Community Activities Center, will be available 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays through April 15.

Take the first step toward saving money this year by contacting your unit tax advisor to make preparations for a visit. You will need to obtain a 2004 taxpayer information sheet from them and complete it before your visit. In addition to items mentioned on the information sheet, you will need to bring the following: military ID, power of attorney (if necessary), receipts for deductible expenses and Schedule C for base home daycare providers.

To make an appointment, call 283-9192, 9193, 9194 or 9195. If you are filing using the 1040EZ form, you may simply walk in for service between 1-3 p.m. You can also access the Internal Revenue Service’s Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for the following services:

- determine if you qualify for “free” on-line electronic filing
- have a tax question
- need forms (1040EZ, 1040A, etc)
- checking the status of your refund

Unfortunately, with the exception of base home daycare providers, the VITA tax center cannot offer assistance to private business owners or rental property owners.

Free electronic filing, electronic payment, fast refunds and a convenient location are great reasons to let the tax center file your 2003 tax return. Contact Tech. Sgt. Alphonso Overton or Robbie Troupe at 283-4681 for more information.



# Flight Medicine keeps Air Force, Tyndall fit to fly



2nd Lt. Albert Bosco

**Staff Sgt. Stephanie Rivers, 1st Fighter Squadron Medical Element medical technician, performs a val salva maneuver while Maj. (Dr.) Phillip Parker, 325th Medical Group Flight Medicine Flight commander, examines her ears.**

*(Editor's note: This is the second in a three-part feature series highlighting the 325th Medical Group's family practice, flight medicine and women's health clinics.)*

## 2ND LT. ALBERT BOSCO

325th Fighter Wing public affairs

Whenever something breaks, such as an aircraft, there is someone standing by ready and able to fix it. But, what about the men and women charged with flying the aircraft? What happens if they break?

Keeping Team Tyndall flying is a critical task, and that's when the 325th Medical Group's Flight Medicine Flight steps in.

The flight provides medical support for not only the Tyndall Air Force Base flying community, which includes the base's F-15 Eagle and F/A-22 Raptor pilots, but also flyers at the 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group, air traffic controllers, air control squadron students and staff, Southeast Air Defense Sector air surveillance technicians, their family members and aircrews on temporary duty from other locations.

But, what does it take to keep our men and women flying and able to support the mission?

According to Maj. (Dr.) Phillip Parker, 325th MDG Flight Medicine Flight commander, it takes a lot of patience and creativity, and a well-trained team of flight surgeons.

"Our goal is to take already healthy people and make them better warfighters," he said. "We're the medical liaisons with the operators, and what we try to do is be the link be-

tween the flying mission and traditional medical care."

With a staff of only four flight surgeons for a population of about 1,600 patients, Dr. Parker said that practicing flight medicine is a job that can be demanding but, he added, the folks at Tyndall do it well.

"The job is challenging, because at a fighter base of comparable size in Air Combat Command we would have twice as many flight surgeons to cover the same number of people," said Dr. Parker. "We would also have flight surgeons assigned to each fighter squadron, not just attached as the case is here at Tyndall."

"I'm extremely proud of all our (Tyndall) airmen who take care of our beneficiaries," said Col. (Dr.) Sean Murphy, 325th MDG

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## MAJ. (DR.) PHILLIP PARKER

325th Medical Group Flight Medicine Flight commander

commander. "Flight medicine is the specialty that takes care of our flyers who actually execute the mission, so [the practitioner's] job becomes that much more critical to support the warfighter."

Dr. Parker added that ordinary tasks such as deployments can make the job even more difficult.

"Since we have a small staff, if one of our flight docs deploy, we've cut our manning by 25 percent," he said. "Flight docs are heavily tasked for deployments and there are certain mobility positions that only flight docs can fill. That can take a toll when you have a limited staff."

Dr. Parker was quick to point out, though, that his staff works as a well-oiled machine, and even when the flight loses a member for a period of time, everyone comes together to accomplish the mission. He added that flight surgeons are similar to old-time family practitioners because they know their patients personally and are not exempt from making house calls, even while they're on vacation, to get the job done.

While some might argue that pilots and other operators are no different than anyone else needing medical care, which they can get from a family practitioner, Dr. Parker pointed out that there are vast differences between family practice and flight medicine.

"We maintain an operational focus, one which includes human performance enhancement and sustainment," Dr. Parker said. "We do take care of patients in the traditional sense, and we worry about healing sick people, but by the time we get to that point we've already missed an opportunity."

He said about 50 percent of his time is spent in a family practice-type environment. The other 50 percent is spent learning to be the subject matter experts for human factors, ergonomics, homeland defense issues, aeromedical evacuation and physical standards. Additionally, flight surgeons are tasked with training and mentoring the rest of the medical field.

"Our main focus is to take care of our patients in a non-traditional way, like being in

to aircrews. In fact, flight surgeons are required to fly four hours per month. The reason, according to Dr. Parker, is to be able to identify factors that might not be apparent in a clinical environment.

"Every time we fly or visit a shop, we try to be a second set of eyes and ears for the pilots," Dr. Parker said. "We look at things like crew resource management, communications, stress, g-straining maneuvers, ergonomics, life support equipment and anything else that might help the pilot exceed performance."

While some of what flight surgeons are taught is not a factor in a training environment, they must still practice and be prepared for deployments.

"As we become more expeditionary, flight surgeons are getting tapped to deploy more and more," remarked Dr. Murphy. "These increased mission requirements and responsibilities are creating new challenges for flight surgeons, but they're stepping up to meet the challenge and redesigning the way folks train and carry out the mission."

Dr. Parker described his recent deployment to Qatar and Iraq, where he accrued more than 100 combat flying hours in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. He remarked that during his deployment his focus became purely operational.

"There are a lot of issues to deal with during deployments," Dr. Parker said. "We focus on human performance and enhancement issues such as crew rest, temperature, fatigue and stress. When the air temperature is 117 degrees with 99 percent humidity and folks aren't getting enough rest because of jet noise in the middle of the night, that can impact performance. Also, being away from family for an extended period of time has an effect."

Dr. Parker added that the recent deployments have generated a renewed interest in training for flight surgeons and the way they do business is changing for the better.

While aerospace medicine is a specialty, interest in it is growing throughout the medical field. In fact, Dr. Parker said the future of medicine in general will focus on a lot of what flight surgeons have been doing all along.

"There's more of an interest in what we do," he said. "People used to think that family practitioners saw patients while flight docs got to fly and play. Now they are realizing that there is a valid reason for what we're doing."

"Flight medicine is the center of Air Force medicine," said Dr. Murphy. "No matter what happens to military medicine, flight medicine will always be there to support the warfighter, so, the future is bright."

the squadrons doing everything we can to enhance the mission," he said. "Traditional clinical medicine looks for abnormal physiology in a normal environment. In flight medicine, we look at normal physiology in an abnormal environment."

To achieve that goal, flight surgeons are required to maintain flying currency, similar



## Test fire

OVER THE GULF OF MEXICO — Capt. Steve Boatright, an F-16C Fighting Falcon pilot, fires an AIM-9M Sidewinder heat-seeking missile at an aerial target drone over the Gulf of Mexico. Captain Boatright is assigned to the 34th Fighter Squadron at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. The squadron recently deployed here, to fly air-to-air weapons system testing missions.



Master Sgt. Michael Ammons

# Army National Guard soldiers leaving AF gates

TECH. SGT. DAVID JABLONSKI

Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** — A mix of airmen, civilians, contractors and new technology will replace Army National Guard military policemen now posted at Air Force bases.

The original agreement struck between the Air Force and the Army called for using the Guardsmen at base entry points for two years, enough time to find a solution to the Air Force security forces manpower shortfall, said Brig. Gen. James Shames, Air Force director of security forces. But just one year into the plan the Army faced increased requirements in 2003 to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. Their operations tempo did not decline following the end of hostilities.

“We started with about 8,000 (Army National Guard) soldiers but in the second year they will only be able to provide about 6,500 on a continuing basis,” General Shames said. “We’re going to fill that gap with volunteers from our Air Reserve Component, civilians and contractors.”

Other options being considered for longer-term solutions include converting manpower positions in overage career fields to security forces, and making other manpower changes within the security forces career field, General Shames said. Technological solutions will also be applied to situations where they are more efficient than posting a patrolman.

Finally, as a stopgap measure, augmentees will continue to

fill temporary shortages.

The most important security measure, said General Shames, is making sure the entire Air Force team works together to keep Air Force installations and people safe.

“Security forces can’t do it alone, everybody has to be involved,” General Shames said. “As the Air Force chief of staff and others have said, ‘every airman is a sensor.’ That’s what we need to do. I see information every day where airmen, civil servants or contractors have called us to say, ‘something looks wrong here, can you check it out?’ In some cases individuals have been uncovered who we did need to check out.”

One example of this enthusiasm for team effort, General Shames said, is a former augmentee who now serves as a security forces specialist.

Senior Airman Tyrone Brunskill began his Air Force career as an information manager working in an underground facility at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas. He discovered a higher sense of purpose as a security forces augmentee.

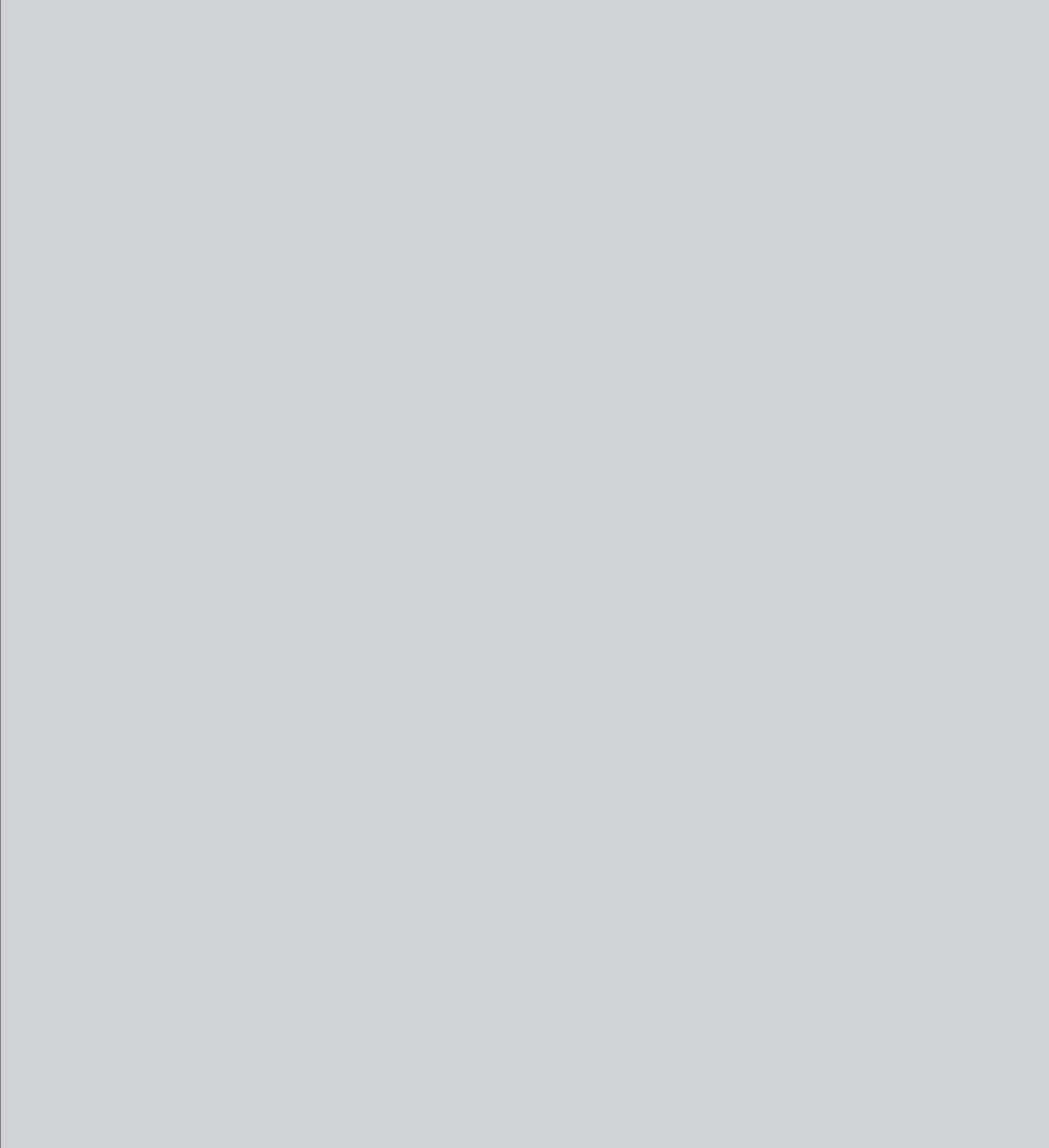
“It was very satisfying working with people,” Airman Brunskill said. “When you’re outside at your post, people always stop to tell you how much they appreciate you being on guard, protecting them. I didn’t have that same feeling in my regular job.” Airman Brunskill decided to be a permanent security forces team member when it came time to make a

career job reservation.

Besides bolstering manpower, security forces planners will incorporate technology to reduce the burden on people and increase efficiency, General Shames said. Some examples are explosive-detection equipment, long-range detection and assessment systems, and automated identification checks at base gates.

“Instead of having a human assigned to a patrol, we’ll use systems where we can see areas farther out than a person can, run the information back to a central location and respond as needed,” General Shames said. “We’ll also use automated identification credentialing systems that will check people coming on base faster than an individual stopping a car and looking at an (identification card). It will compare the ID to an electronic database ... in a matter of a second or two and let the person or car proceed. If the credential doesn’t check out, a barrier drops. If that person goes through the barrier, there will be another one. It’s a layered approach to boost our defenses.”

Whatever form these measures ultimately take, people should expect a credible check that allows the right people into the appropriate areas, General Shames said. “We want to complicate things for our adversary so that he abandons his target, or we catch him in the act, or interrupt the act in progress,” he said.





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14,000 sorties, and they participate in major command, joint service and multinational exercises, and contingencies.

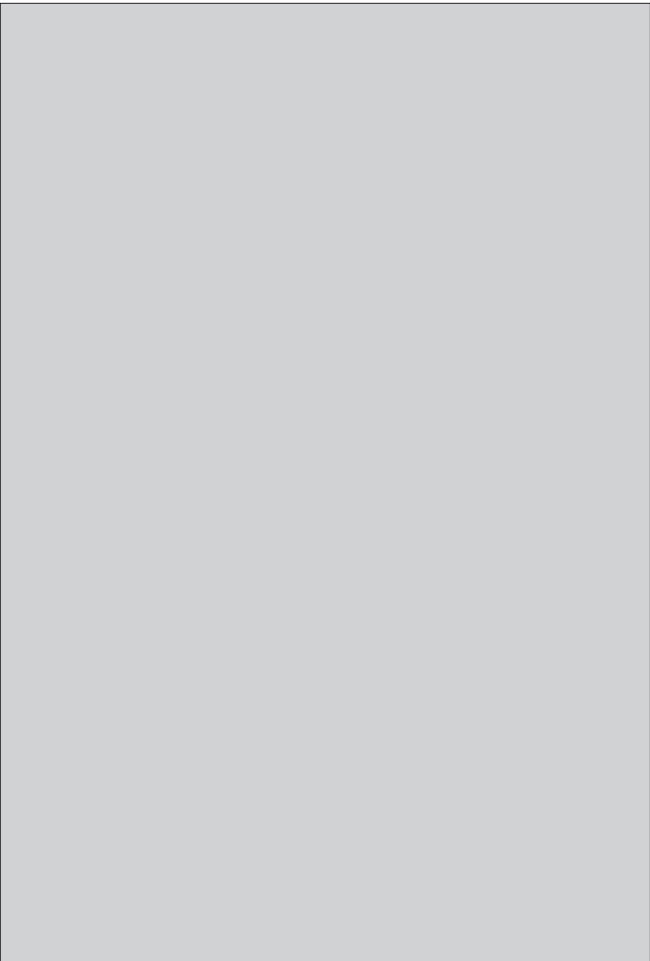
What made them stand out from the crowd was a combination of efforts to include the maintenance and operations squadrons.

The 1st Aircraft Maintenance Unit set new standards for aircraft maintenance effectiveness by exceeding AETC's mission-capable rate standard for 10 consecutive months. The 2nd AMU responded on a short-notice tasking to deploy to the 83rd Weapons Evaluation Group for a live fire exercise, said Chief Wayne Taylor, 325th AMXS chief of maintenance.

"The 43rd AMU re-activated in October 2002 as Team Tyndall prepared to become the first operational aircraft maintenance unit to support the F/A-22 Raptor," he added. "The 95th AMU also deployed to Edwards AFB for air superiority validation of the F/A-22 with a 99.5 percent fully mission-capable rate."

"The bottom line is, we've done it the 'right' way — with integrity," said Colonel Sarchet. "If we're loyal to the mission and each other, there's nothing we can't do."

The squadron will represent AETC to compete at the Air Force level for the maintenance effectiveness award. "By far, Tyndall has the best motivated flightline maintainers in AETC," said Lt. Col. (select) Andrew Miskovich, AMXS maintenance operations officer. "It's the tireless attitude and constant pursuit of quality maintenance that has made the men and women of AMXS all-around winners."

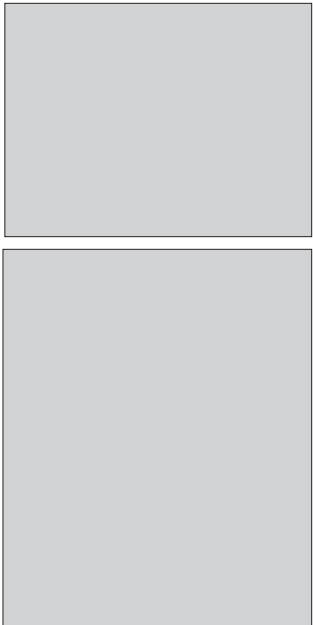


# TRICARE Standard allows civilian care

**WASHINGTON (AFP)** — People covered by the TRICARE Standard military health care plan no longer need approval from their military treatment facility to seek inpatient care at civilian hospitals.

The need to get a nonavailability statement before seeking civilian inpatient care expired Dec. 28 under a provision of the 2002 National Defense Authorization Act. A nonavailability statement indicates that care is not available from the military facility and authorizes care at a civilian facility.

An exception in the law continues the requirement for TRICARE Standard beneficiaries to get a nonavailability statement before seeking nonemergency inpatient mental health care services. However, officials said, this applies only to beneficiaries who use TRICARE Standard or Extra, who are not Medicare eligible, and who have no other health insurance that is primary to TRICARE. Department of Defense officials do not require



preauthorization for TRICARE beneficiary inpatient mental health care when Medicare is the primary payer.

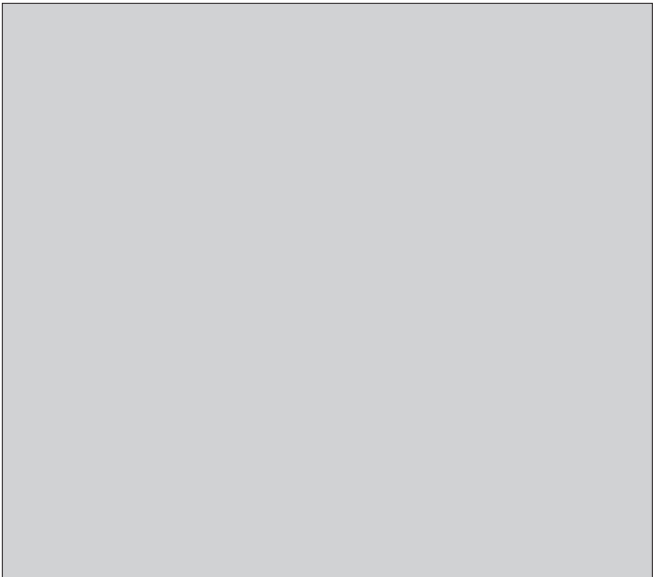
"With this change in policy, beneficiaries now have the freedom to choose a military treatment facility or a civilian facility, without any extra

**"I urge TRICARE beneficiaries to still look to the military health system as their first choice for health care, because I believe the services we offer are second to none."**

**DR. WILLIAM WINKENWERDER JR.**  
Assistant secretary of defense for health affairs

paperwork," said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. "However, I urge TRICARE beneficiaries to still look to the military health system as their first choice for health care because I believe the services we offer are second to none."

A military treatment facility may request a departmental waiver of the new policy in certain specific, but limited, circumstances. But those requests do not apply to maternity services, unless the affected beneficiary



began her first prenatal visit before Dec. 28, officials said.

Any military treatment facility granted a waiver must publish a notice in the Federal Register that a nonavailability statement is required for a certain procedure. Officials at the treatment fa-

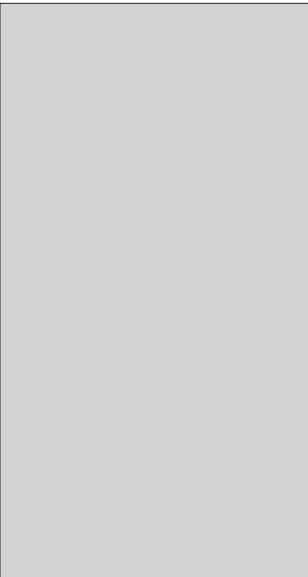
cility, the services and the TRICARE Management Activity will notify the affected beneficiaries if this occurs, officials said. Maternity patients should check with their local military treatment facility to compare maternity services there with those available in civilian facilities, said Military Health System officials.

A recently implemented "Family-Centered Care" program offers enhanced services and recognizes the unique needs of military families in today's climate of increasing deployments and

high operations tempo, officials said. Beneficiaries can review the enhanced military treatment facility maternity services online and with their military medical care provider.

Beneficiaries can check the TRICARE Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil) if they are seeking an inpatient service and want to know if their nearby military treatment facility applied for a nonavailability statement waiver. They also may contact the beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator or health benefits adviser at their nearest treatment facility, officials said.

Before seeking care at a civilian facility, military health system officials urge beneficiaries to check with their nearby military treatment facility to compare services and ask questions. Even if the facility could not provide the needed services in the past, the facility's staffing levels or capabilities may have changed, and they might now be available, officials said. (Compiled from a TRICARE news release)





1st Lt. Ryan Fitzgerald

## Pushing up

Members of the 325th Mission Support Squadron and 325th Fighter Wing staff do push-ups during their fitness test Tuesday morning. This was the first fitness test under the new Air Force guidelines for these units.

### Events

#### Naturalist Speaker

Capt. Richard Davis, Florida Historian, naturalist and Choctawhatchee River Guide will speak on the use of local plants for food or medicine 7 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Holy Nativity Episcopal Middle School cafeteria at 205 Hamilton Avenue. For more information, call Bridget Keegan at 283-4346.

#### Talent show

The Tyndall Black Heritage Committee is sponsoring an annual variety show Feb. 28 at the En-listed Club. This is a great opportunity to showcase talents. Contact Staff Sgt. John Phinisey for more information, at 283-2663 or e-mail at john.phinisey@tyndall.af.mil, or Mrs. Crystal Lewis at crystal.lewis@tyndall.af.mil, call no later than Jan. 26.

#### Moms, Pops and Tots

An informal group for parents and their children aged from birth to preschool school can gather at the Community Activity Center (Building 1027) 9-11 a.m. every Wednesday. There will be playtime, arts, crafts, outings and guest speakers. For more information, call Laurie Cambell at 286-6501 or Melissa Dyle at 785-4966.

### Services

#### Smooth Move Workshop

There will be a Smooth Move workshop at the Family Support Center classroom 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 11.

The workshop explains helpful hints on making your permanent change of station a success. For more information, call 283-4204.

#### Anger Management

A four-session anger management course will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, 23, and March 1 in building 1305. For more information, or to sign up, call 283-7511.

#### Tyndall Officers' Spouses' Club college scholarship

Tyndall Officers' Spouses' Club college scholarship applications are now available for qualified college bound high school students and military spouses. Applications packets can be picked up at the Tyndall Education Office or in the high school guidance counselor's offices. Deadline for the application is noon Feb. 27. For more information, call 286-1212

### Retiree News

#### Veterans Affairs Directive Gives Priority to Disabled Vets

The Veterans Affairs Department wants to send veterans with service-connected medical problems to the front of the line when it comes to receiving medical treatment at VA facilities. VA Secretary Anthony Principi issued a new directive to all VA medical facilities requiring that "priority access" be given to qualifying veterans seeking appointments for treatment. The directive covers hospitalization and outpatient care, and does not apply to veterans seeking care for medical problems not related to a service-connected disability.

The new policy will not be without its challenges. Some 25 million veterans are in VA's health care system, and the department reports the number of veterans seeking medical care has risen significantly, from 2.9 million in 1995 to nearly 5 million in 2003. The VA operates more than 1,300 medical facilities, including 162 hospitals and 800 outpatient clinics, but officials report the increase in veterans seeking care "outstrips VA's capacity to treat them." AF Retiree News Service.

### Classifieds

#### VW Jetta

For Sale: 97 VW Jetta, 59k miles, new tires, \$5,000. For more information call Jeff at 874-9384.

#### Laptop computer

HP Pavillion laptop K6AMD, 500MHZ Processor, 64megs RAM, Windows 98 SE with battery, power adapters and leather carrying case. Asking \$300 OBO. For more information call Jim at 286-1413 or 774-9293 and leave a message.

#### Mazda 626

1999 626 Mazda, automatic, AM/FM/CD, beige, cruise, 70k, excellent condition, asking \$4,000. For more information call Regina Jackson at 747-9355.

#### PT Cruiser

2002 PT Cruiser, 5 speed, AM/FM/CD, black, cruise, only 19k miles, excellent condition; \$12,500 retail, asking \$10,000. Call 850-785-3449 ask for Philip Kissling

#### Astro Conversion Van

1996 Astro Conversion Van with raised roof. 7 PAX, TV/VCR, power everything, rear bench seat makes bed. Looks & runs great. Excellent family vehicle. Only 64K miles. \$7,200. 850-249-7249.

#### Pontiac Grand Am

1999 Pontiac Grand Am, \$6,500 or better offer, great condition. interior and exterior, call 276-3013.

#### Household items

Coffee table for \$50; Dining room table with three chairs for \$60; Vinyl love seat and lounge chair for \$80; lawnmower for \$40. All prices are negotiable. For more information, call Steve at 286-4288 after 6 p.m.

### Free Classifieds

The Gulf Defender will publish free classified ads here for the one-time sale of personal property excluding real estate for active-duty military, retirees and Department of Defense civilians working on Tyndall. Ads are run on a space-available basis and must be limited to 25 words or less. Duty numbers are not allowed. Submit ads to editor@tyndall.af.mil.



# Superbowl - Prominent pigskin party planned to please base population

STEVE RIDDLE

325th Services Squadron publicist

The biggest sports event of the year is just two days away, and two Tyndall clubs are making sure everyone gets a chance to watch the game, win prizes, and maybe enjoy some chili too.

DVD players, televisions, CD's, hats, T-shirts and more will be given away at the Tyndall Enlisted Club and the Pizza Pub Sports Bar during Sunday's Super Bowl festivities. Each facility has 10 televisions, including a 51" big-screen TV, that will all be tuned to the game.

Everyone is invited to the Pizza Pub Sports Bar Super Bowl Party beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Tyndall personnel packed the Pizza Pub at last year's Super Bowl party, and Pizza Pub Manager Amanda Eriksson said she expects at least the same turnout Sunday.

Enlisted personnel of Tyndall are invited to the Enlisted Club for the Super Bowl XXXVIII Chili Cook-off Tailgate Party beginning at 2 p.m. in the enlisted club parking lot.

"We'll choose the best tasting chili as decided by the palettes of our judges," said Djuana Donaldson, assistant club manager. "The winner of the chili cook-off will win a DVD player. The runner up gets a DVD movie."

Donaldson said the winner of the chili cook-off would be announced shortly

before game time, which is scheduled to kickoff at 5:25 p.m. CDT. She said there would be plenty of other prizes to win too.

"We're opening the doors at 3 p.m. and checking for club members," Donaldson explained. "Members will get in free, and they will get a ticket for drawings at halftime." There will be a \$5 charge for non-members.

## Super bowl Parties

- *At the Pizza Pub 3 p.m. Sunday, for all Tyndall members.*
- *At the Enlisted Club 2 p.m. Sunday, for enlisted personnel, members free, non-members \$5.*
- *DVD players, televisions, CDs, hats, T-shirts and more will be given away.*
- *Each facility has 10 televisions, including a 51" big-screen TV, that will all be tuned to the game.*

Donaldson also said club members would get an entry form they could use to pick the winner of the game, and the final score. Whoever picks the correct score will receive a TV/DVD combination set, and the runner up will get a DVD player. But even people who don't win a contest or drawing will still

get something, she said.

"From the time the doors open until the end of the game, all of our patrons will get popcorn, chips and salsa, hot dogs and chili from the chili cook-off," she said. "We're hoping to have a full house and have a fun and exciting time."

Donaldson also said there will be plenty of beverage specials, and that any club member who has a driver's license from either North Carolina or Massachusetts, the home states of the Carolina Panthers and New England Patriots, will be eligible for other specials too.

The Pizza Pub will also have food and beverage specials Sunday, and will be giving away prizes too.

"At halftime, we're having half-off appetizers," Eriksson said. "And we'll be having specials all day, and giving away hats, CD's, cozies and other things too."

The Pizza Pub has shown football games all season long, and during the season drawings were held for gift certificates and a recliner chair. Those winners will be announced during the game.

"We held drawings for six \$200 gift certificates that are good for official NFL merchandise," Eriksson explained.

"And the recliner chair will be given away at halftime."

Eriksson said although there are plenty of reasons to get people to come to either facility, she hopes these events mean people can just unwind and have a good time Sunday.

"I want to support the troops, and give them a place where they can relax, have fun and watch the Super Bowl."

Two men who may not be able to relax during Sunday's game are Robert Fisher and Foley Riley. They are tied for the lead in the final segment of Pigskin Picks, a Community Activities Center program that gave people a chance to win prizes based on how many games they can correctly pick the winner of each week.

In the final six-week segment, both men were 64-24. The Super Bowl will be the deciding game. The winner will receive a 20-inch flat-screen TV and a DVD player. (Second place not awarded.) Howard Marshall won this year's first segment, and Lou South won the second. Both Marshall and South received a DVD player.

For more information on the Pizza Pub party, call 283-3222. To find out more about the Chili Cook-Off or enlisted club membership, call 283-4357.

## Back on top: Tyndall Tigers sweep Keesler in varsity hoops

The Tyndall Tigers men's varsity basketball team opened the new year in dominating fashion, winning their first two games of 2004 by twice defeating the visiting Dragons from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., Saturday and Sunday. The wins also lifted the Tigers (23-8 overall) to a first-place tie with Hurlburt Field.

### Tyndall 88, Keesler 67

In Saturday's game, Tyndall, paced by Elvin Walker's 19 first-half points, raced to a 52-

35 lead at the intermission.

In the second half, the Tigers used liberal substitutions as 12 of the 15 Tigers who saw action contributed points in cruising to the victory.

Walker paced the Tigers in scoring with a game-high 28 points, followed by Scott Moore with 12 points and Omar Johnson with 11 points. Moore led in rebounding with 12; Walker and Johnson tied in assists with five each. Tarrance Garner led steals with

five takeaways. Chris King led Keesler's scorers with 16 points.

### Tyndall 81, Keesler 64

In the second contest, Tyndall jumped out to an early 14 -point lead, only to see Keesler rally late in the half to trim the Tigers' lead to seven, 38-31, at the intermission.

In the second half, Tyndall used aggressive defensive pressure to open up a double-digit lead four minutes into the second stanza. From that point

the Tigers maintained a comfortable lead to take the victory.

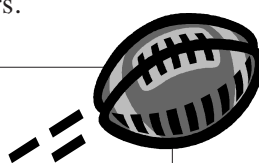
Israel Figueroa led the Tigers with 24 points, followed by Garner (17), Elvin Walker (12) and Omar Johnson (10).

Figueroa led the Tigers' rebounders with 10, while Johnson tied his season-high assist mark with 14. Andre Topp led Keesler in scoring with 23 points.

The Tigers will travel to Fort Walton Beach this weekend to challenge the third-place Eglin

Eagles in two crucial contests as they seek to keep pace with Hurlburt Field in the race for the Southeastern Military Athletic Conference regular season title.

Game times are scheduled as follows: Saturday: 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. Next weekend, Tyndall hosts Hurlburt Field in the final two games of the regular season. (Courtesy Tyndall Tigers)





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## All Ranks Lunch

### at the Officers' Club

Mon.-Thurs.: \$6.95 ■ Friday: \$7.95  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Unlimited access to the daily buffet, salad bar,  
fountain soda, tea & coffee!

Includes Fresh, Hot, Carved Meat  
Sandwiches on Kaiser Roll

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| Tuesday   | Italian       |
| Wednesday | Oriental      |
| Thursday  | All American  |
| Friday    | Seafood       |

\*Members, show your club card to receive a \$1 discount!

## On Base Food Delivery

■ **Lunch Menu:** Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
*Limited to office deliveries (i.e. squadron addresses)*

■ **Evening Menu:** Fri. & Sat. 5:30-9 p.m.

**Subs & Pizzas**  
**286-2900**

## Crazy Cash Give-away at the O' & E Clubs Fridays during Social Hour.

Jackpot starts at \$100. The first member name  
drawn is for the jackpot. If there is no winner  
\$25 will be added to next week's  
jackpot (max. \$500).

Once the name is drawn the winner  
has 5 minutes to claim their prize.  
If the winner fails to claim their prize  
a second drawing will be held from  
bar receipts for \$25.

**283-4357 for details**

## Enlisted & Officers' Membership Night at the Tyndall Officers' Club February 12, 5 p.m.

Free Food Tasting  
Member & Spouse Free

Door Prizes  
**283-4357**

The Enlisted Club Advisory Council presents:

## Project Rezzurrection 5.0 Mind Moods / Underground Unit

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**Saturday, February 7th,  
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Comin' straight out of T-Town is  
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## Super Bowl XXXVIII Tailgate Party

**Sunday, February 1**

**Cook-Off Starts: 2 p.m.**

**Pre-game Doors Open: 3 p.m.**

**Kick Off: 5:25 p.m.**

**Watch the Game in the**

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on 10 screens, including our  
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Members Free!

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## Family Child Care

☎ 283-2266

## Red Cross Babysitting Course

A babysitting course for youth ages 11 to  
18 will be held on the Saturdays, February 7  
and 14 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Youth will also  
receive infant and child CPR training. Cost is  
\$40 per person. Sign up at the Youth Center.

## FCC Provider Listing

An updated list of providers is available. Call  
283-2266 or e-mail: 325svyd@tyndall.af.mil.  
The FCC Office is open Mon - Fri from 12:30  
- 1:30 p.m. or by appointment.

## License Requirement

The Air Force requires persons who care  
for children to be licensed to provide care.  
Call for details.

## Marina Club

☎ 283-3059

## Best Salad Bar on Base

Tuesday-Thursday: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Only  
\$4.75. Includes Soup.

## Free French Fries

Buy a sandwich entree valued over \$3.50  
and get free fries.

## Marina Club Annual Fishing Tournament

Jan. 1, 2004-Dec. 31, 2004. Entry fee is  
\$30. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Enjoy...

## Cosmic Bowling

**Every Friday: 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m.**

**Every Saturday: 10:30 p.m.-1 a.m.**

**283-2380**

## Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

## 2004 Baseball/Softball Registration

Open to all youth ages 5-14 yrs. Runs until  
Feb. 14. A birth certificate will be needed  
at the time of registration.

## Start Smart Baseball

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# End of Runway crew saves F-15 Eagle from damage



End of Runway crew members with the 325th Fighter Wing Aircraft Maintenance Squadron conduct a visual inspection and safety check for two F-15 Eagles prior to taking off.

*AMXS ‘de-arm’ team’s quick actions prevent serious mishap*

**CHRISTINE SULLIVAN**  
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Although members of the 325th Fighter Wing Aircraft Maintenance Squadron conduct their daily routine behind the scenes, their consistency and quality of safety training took center stage this month during an End Of Runway (EOR) incident. “Maintainers saved an F-15 from serious damage when the hydraulic system failed and knocked out the pilot’s normal and emergency brakes after landing,” said Master Sgt. Michael Menefield, EOR section chief.

“The pilot was able to get the EOR crew’s attention and Staff Sgt. Brandon Sullivan, and Senior Airman Dennis Scott, EOR crew members, immediately assessed the situation and took action.” “De-arm’ personnel give the aircraft its first visual inspection immediately after its return, install all ground safety devices and ensure

there is no obvious damage to the aircraft. According to Sergeant Menefield, Senior Airman Brett Dunning noticed there was hydraulic fluid spewing from the underside of the aircraft as it lost total utility pressure. “The EOR crew saw I stopped in an unusual place, well short of the normal parking spots. They grabbed two sets of chocks and ran toward my aircraft,” said Major Jim Suhr, 2nd Fighter Squadron safety officer and F-15 pilot. “If they had not responded as quickly, the aircraft may have rolled off the paved surface and been damaged. They did an outstanding job.” The actions of the EOR crew on Jan. 6 have been submitted to the command for a ground safety award. “If they didn’t act as quickly as they did, this could’ve turned into a much more serious problem,” said Sergeant Menefield.

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